CHAPTER 3

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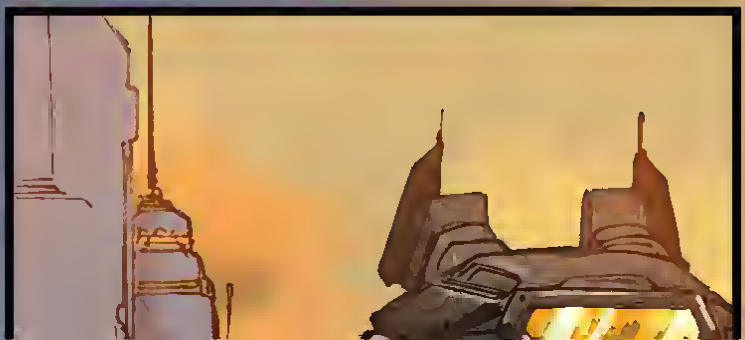
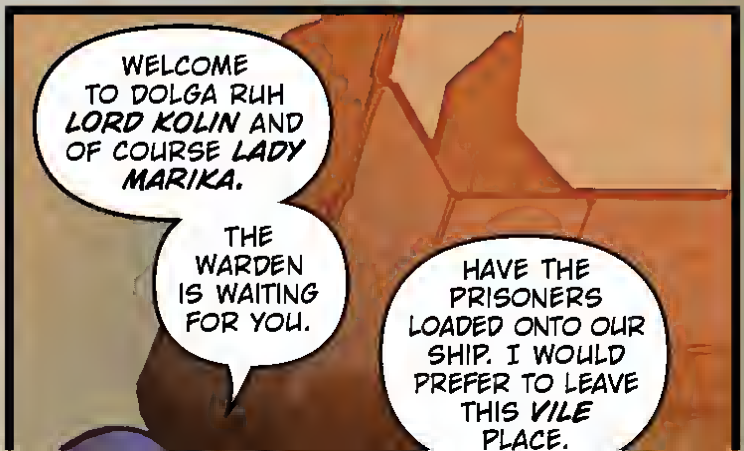
DOLGA RUH

DOCKING BAY 06




WELCOME TO DOLGA RUH LORD KOLIN AND OF COURSE LADY MARIKA.
THE WARDEN IS WAITING FOR YOU.
HAVE THE PRISONERS LOADED ONTO OUR SHIP. I WOULD PREFER TO LEAVE THIS VILE PLACE.

THE WARDEN INSISTS.

INSISTS?

I WILL TELL

THE WARDEN IN PERSON AND TEACH HIM ***NEVER*** TO ***"INSIST" ANYTHING*** FROM A DRACONUS.

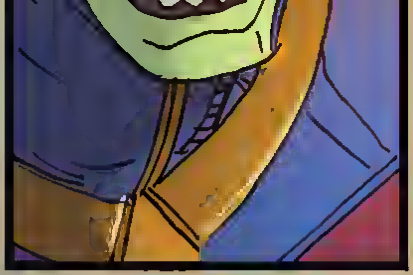
AS YOU WISH, LORD KOLIN.

DOLGA RUH WAS CREATED BY THE ANCIENTS WHO USED THE OLD MAGIC TO SUSPEND IT OVER THE BOTTOMLESS PITS. NOW WE USE FARGOTH MACHINERY TO KEEP IT...

ENOUGH OF THE *HISTORY*

LESSON...LET'S GET THIS OVER WITH.

LORD VASS PROTECT US!



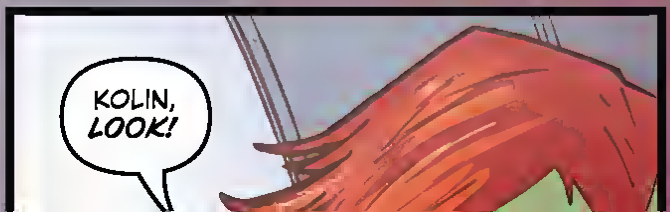
IT SEEMS THE WARDEN *UNDERESTIMATED* THE POWER OF THE *SHA DO KA.*

STUPID--

--FOOL!

GET THIS

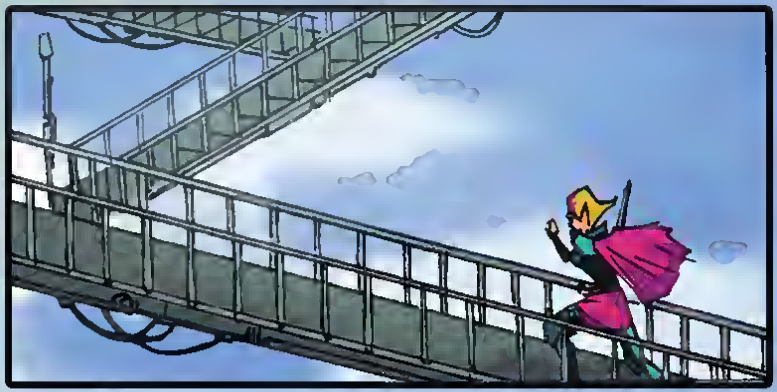
PRISON LOCKED DOWN AND ON ALERT. I WANT THE ELVARIAN AND HER ALLIES CAPTURED!

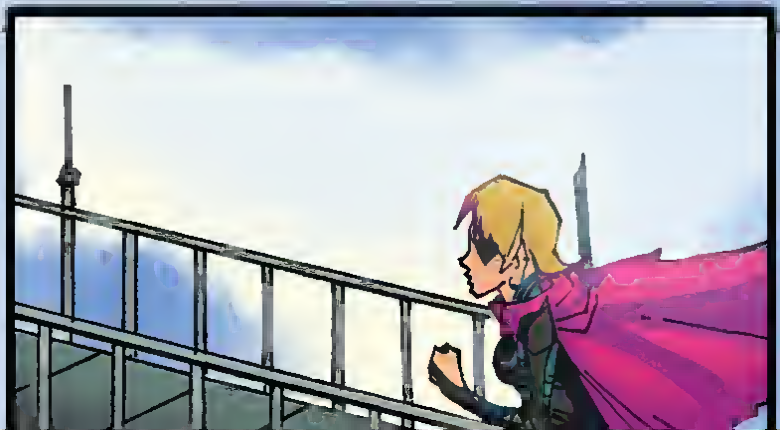

KOLIN, LOOK!

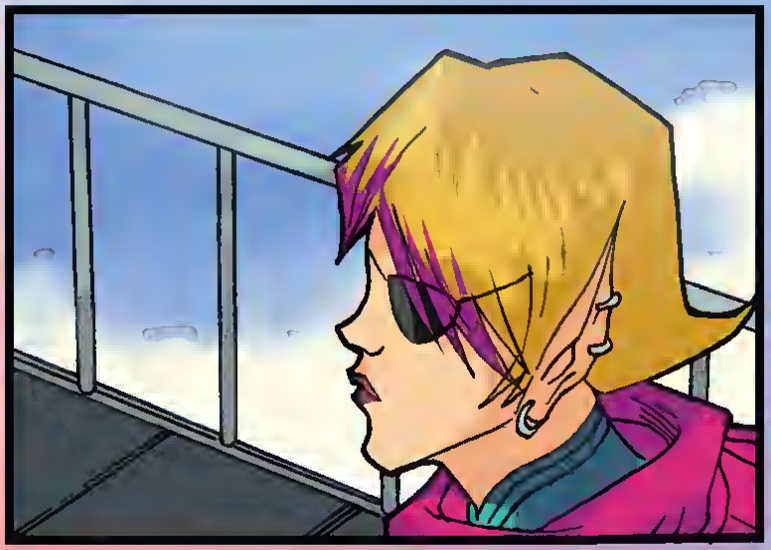
WHAT...

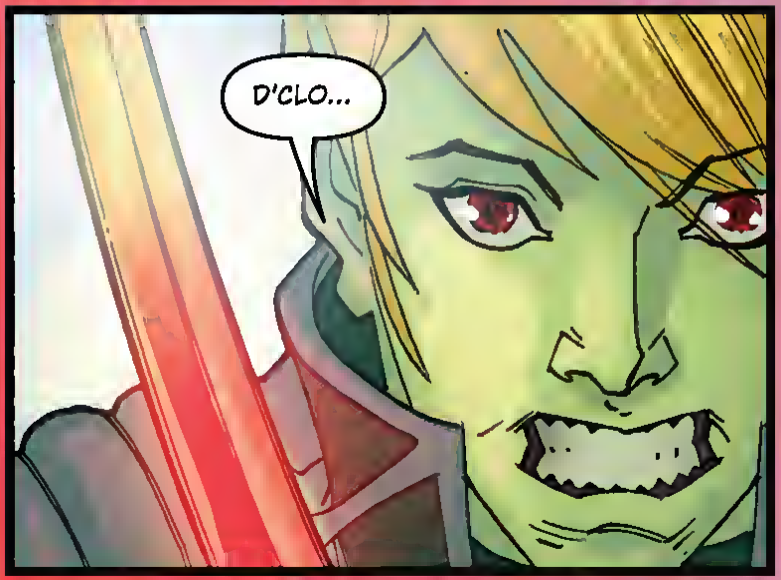
...IS...

...THIS?!

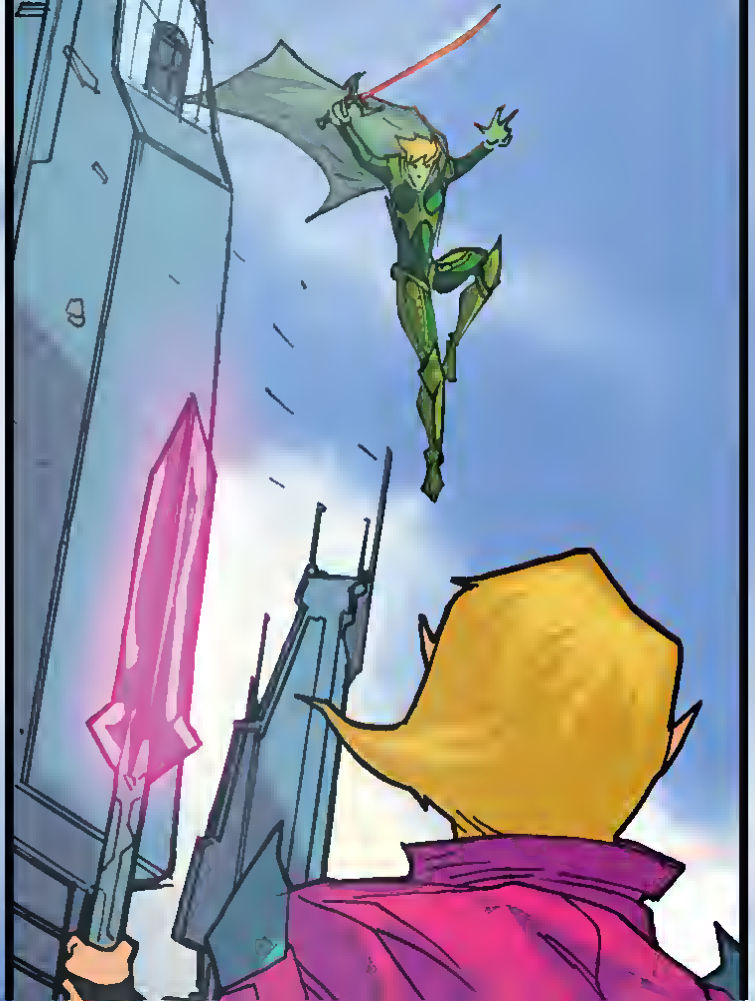




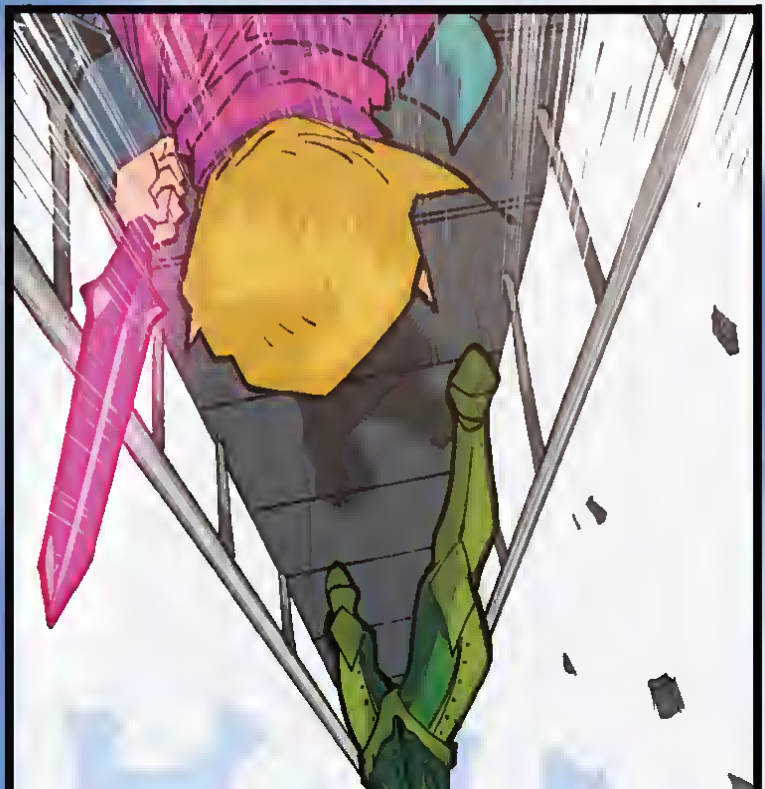


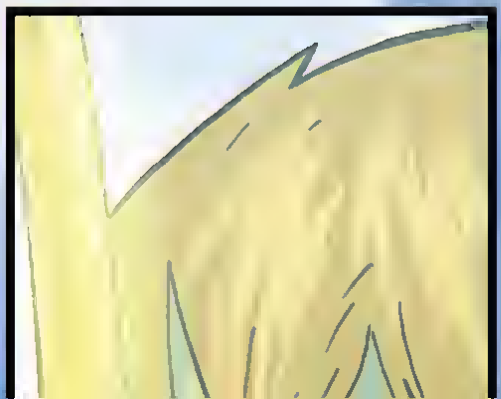

D'CLO...

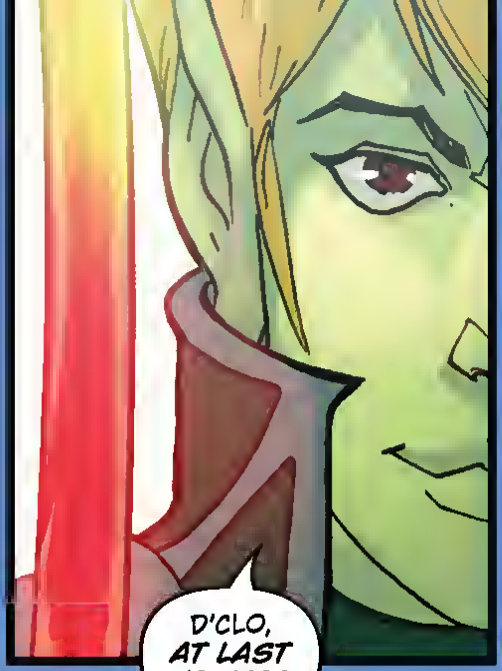
SKRASH



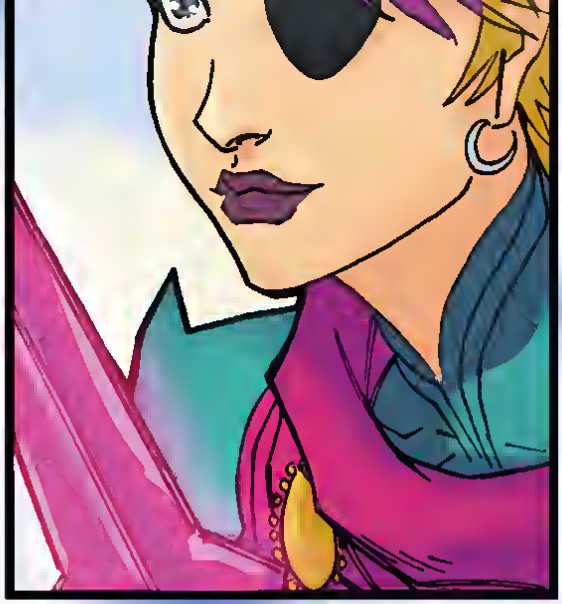
SHIT.

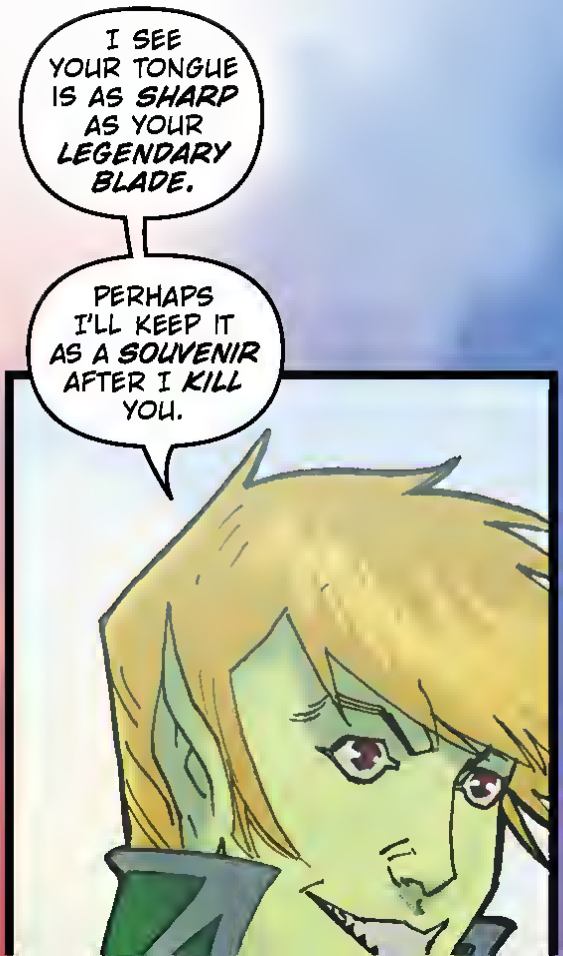


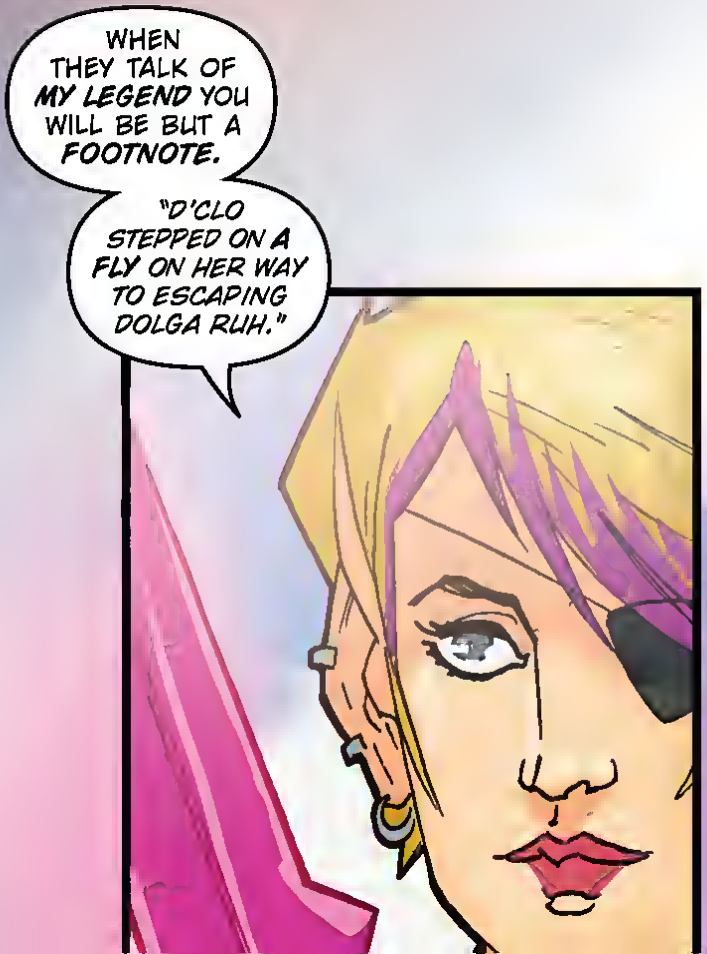


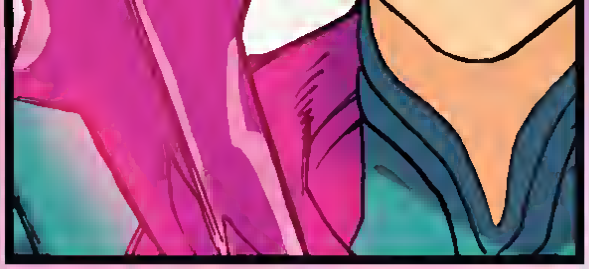

D'CLO, AT LAST WE MEET.
ARE YOU STILL IN LEAGUE WITH SAINT VASS AND HIS CULT?

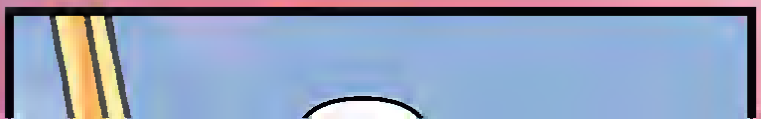
STILL TRYING TO FIND *THE TWELVE?*
Ah THE *LITTLE* DRAGON KOLIN.
ARE YOU STILL ON THE QUEEN'S TIT? OR DID SHE LET YOU OFF LONG ENOUGH TO CHASE *YOUR BETTERS.*



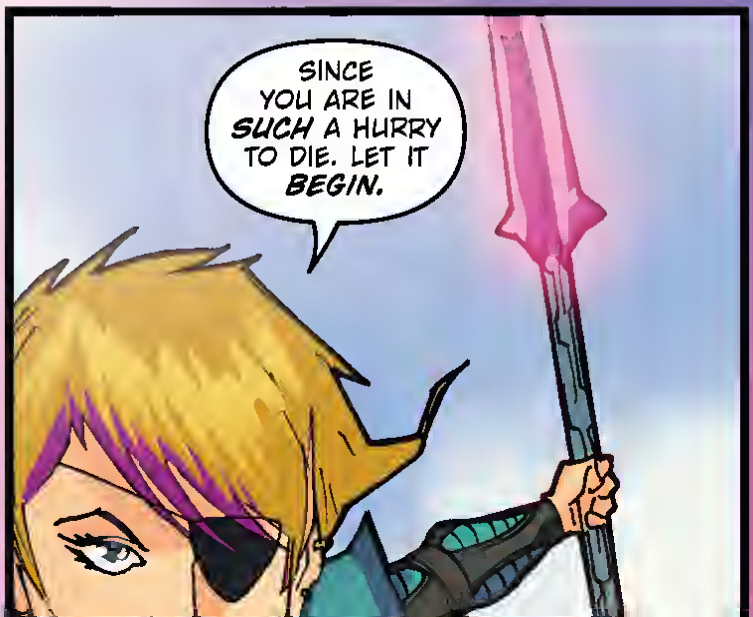

I SEE YOUR TONGUE IS AS SHARP AS YOUR LEGENDARY BLADE.
PERHAPS I'LL KEEP IT AS A SOUVENIR AFTER I KILL YOU.

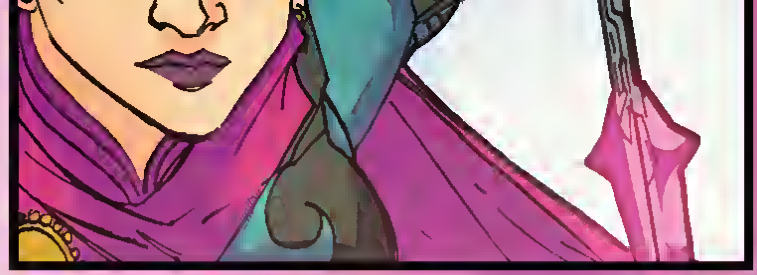

WHEN THEY TALK OF MY LEGEND YOU WILL BE BUT A FOOTNOTE.
"D'CLO STEPPED ON A FLY ON HER WAY TO ESCAPING DOLGA RUH."





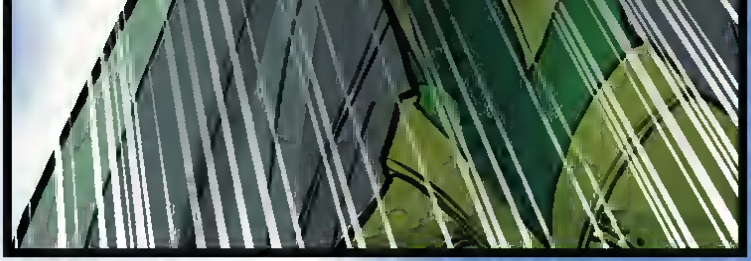
SHALL WE?


SINCE YOU ARE IN *SUCH* A HURRY TO DIE. LET IT *BEGIN.*



DIE

SHA DO KA!



YOU
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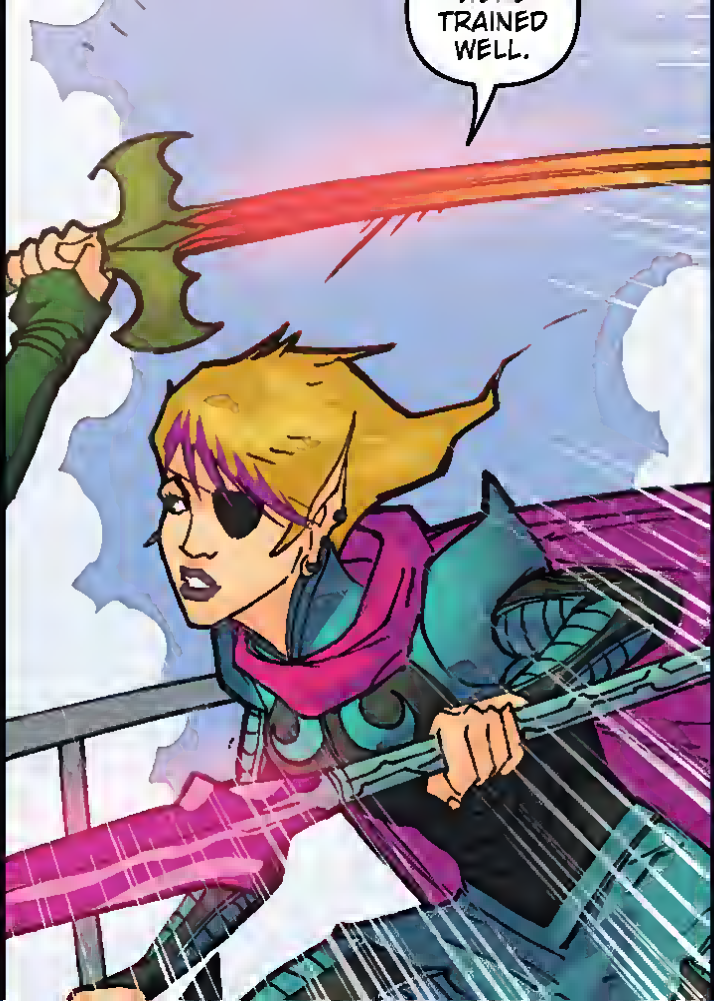
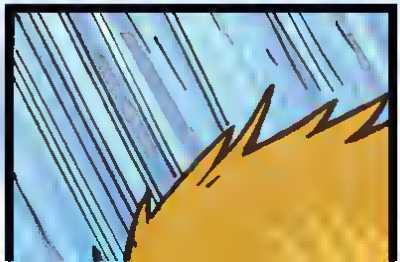

TRAINED
WELL.



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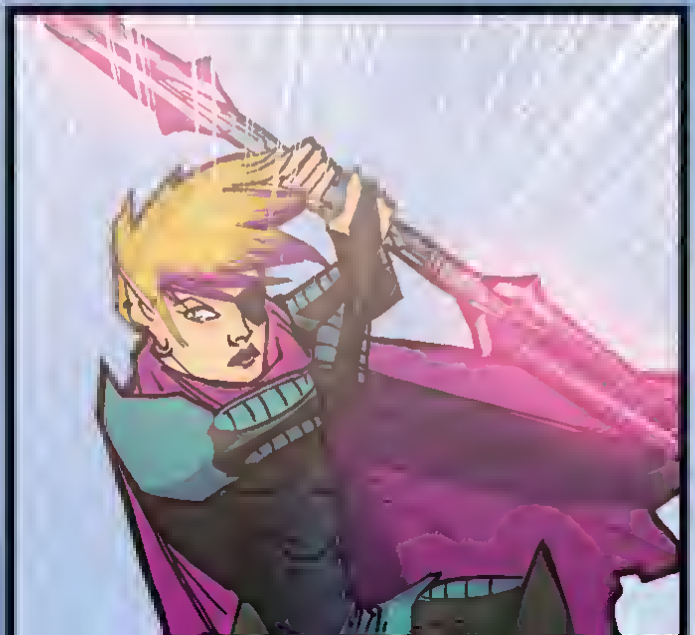
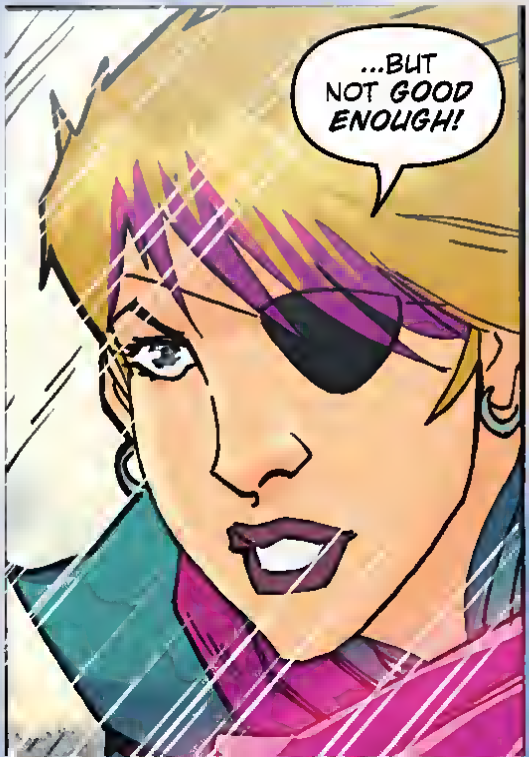
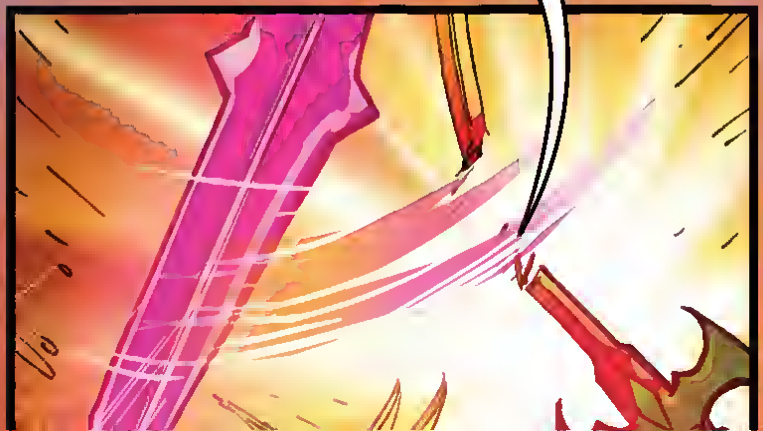
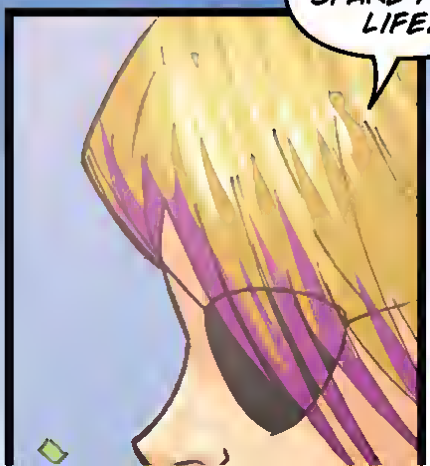



...BUT
NOT GOOD
ENOUGH!

ARGHHH!



Urrgh...
YOU...YOU!

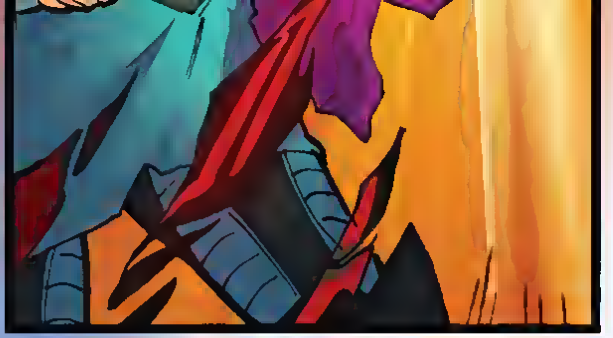

THAT PAIN IS ONLY THE BEGINNING.
LET ME GO AND I'LL SPARE YOUR LIFE.

HA!
YOU FIGHT A

DRACONUS.
YOU WILL
DIE.

ARGHH!

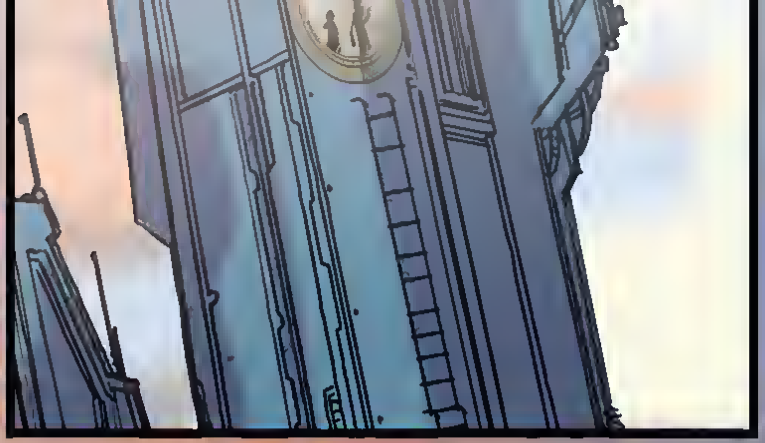
NOT
READY YET

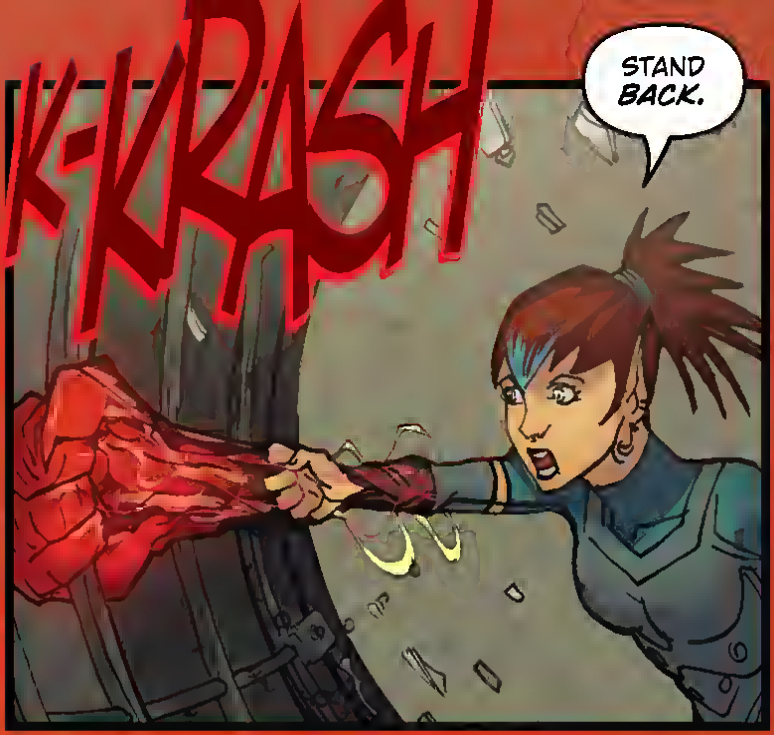


YOU WENT...*PRIMAL*... THAT IS *AGAINST* THE GUILDS' WAYS.

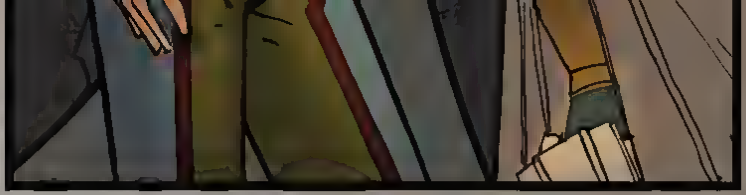
I DO WHAT I PLEASE AND FOLLOW ***MY OWN WAY.***

YOU WILL NOW LEARN MY TRUE POWER.




K-KRASH
STAND BACK.

THANK YOU.

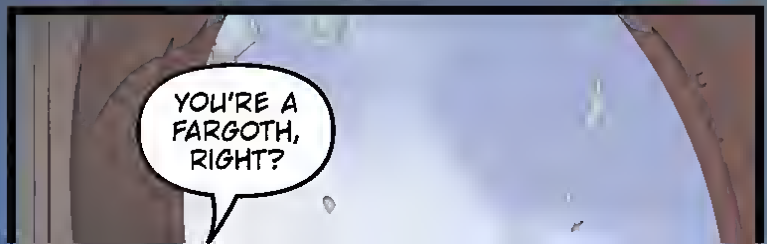


WE NEED TO GET THINGS ROLLING.
IT LOOKS LIKE THINGS ARE GOING SOUTH DOWN THERE.

CRAP.
KOLIN!

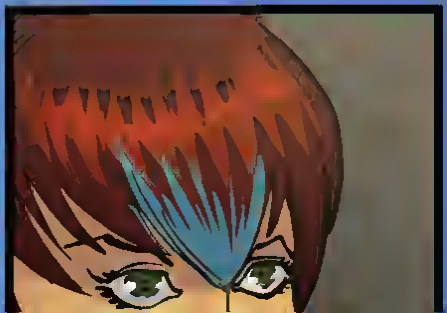
COLT!
WE NEED TO
GET DOWN
THERE!

ON IT!


YOU'RE A FARGOTH, RIGHT?

YES.

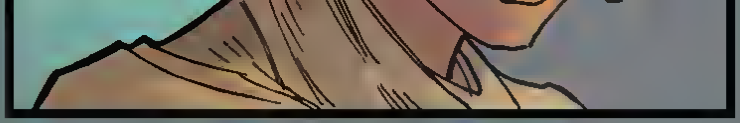
THEN YOU SHOULDN'T BE AFRAID OF HEIGHTS.
WE'RE GOING TO MAKE A BREAK FOR THAT SHIP DOWN THERE.



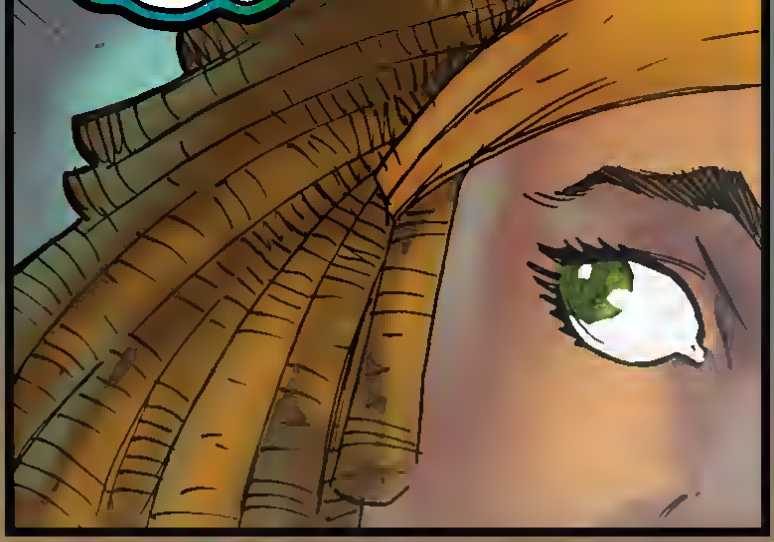
I WANT YOU TO FOLLOW ME OUT OF HERE.

OKAY.

DON'T TELL THEM OF ME PRECIOUS MIKU. THEY CAN'T BE TRUSTED WITH OUR SECRETS.
I WILL DECIDE WHEN THE TIME COMES IF I WILL OR WILL NOT. THE CHOICE IS MINE!

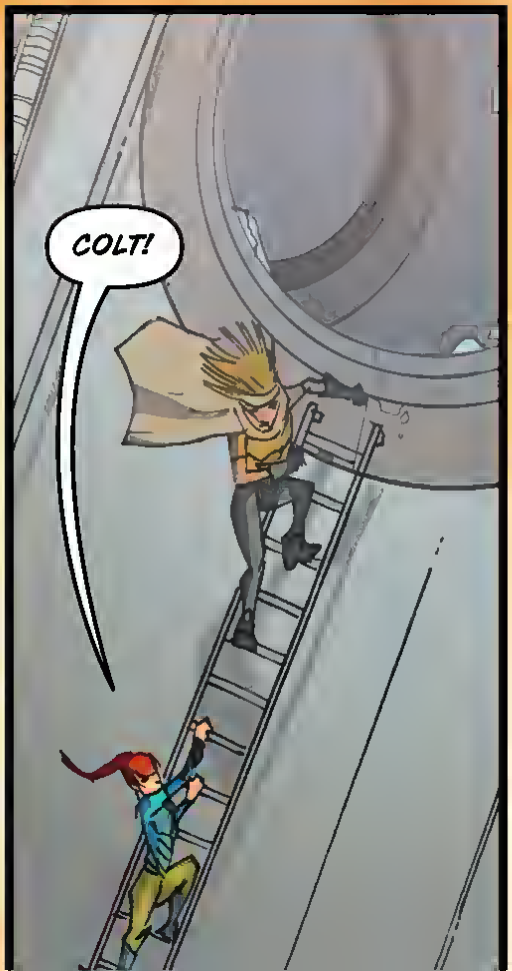


Oh PRECIOUS MIKU. IT IS OUR CHOICE... NOT YOURS ALONE.



QUIET!

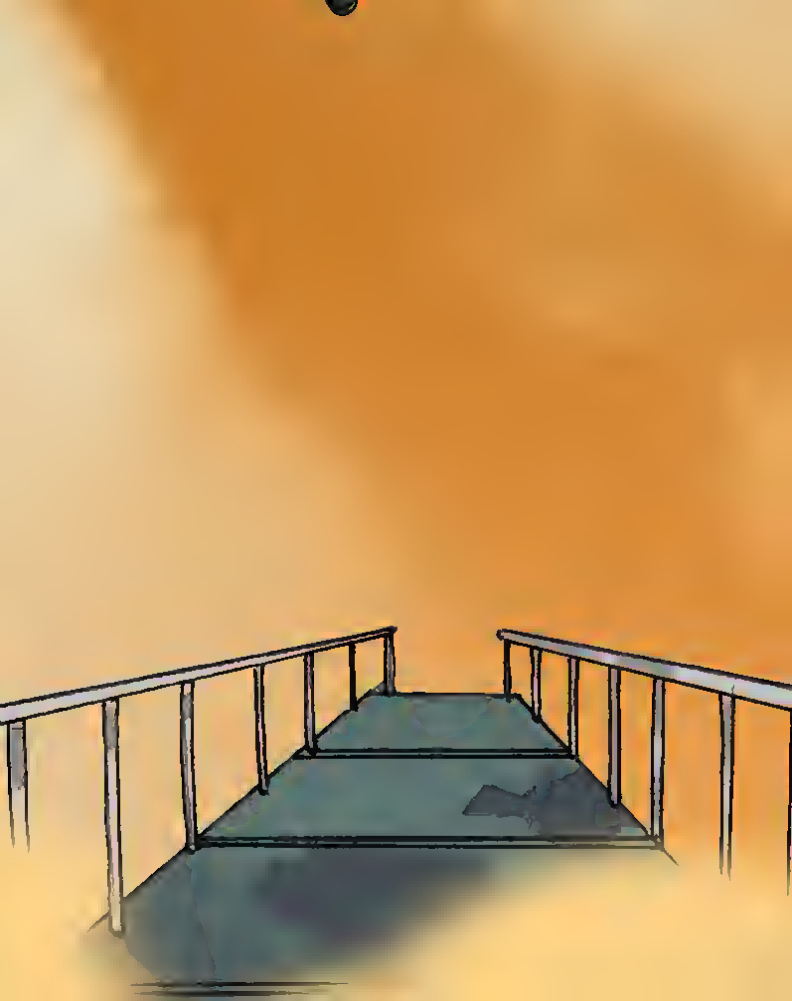
ARE YOU OKAY?


COLT!

ON THREE.
UH-OH.

ONE...
...TWO...
...THREE!

JUMP!



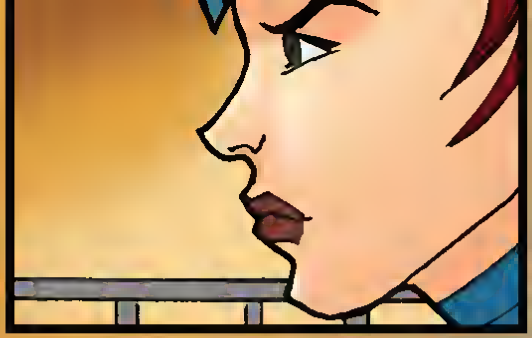
Hmm.
THE ELVARIAN TROUBLE MAKER FROM THE ***OTHER WORLD.***
WHAT ***DO*** THEY CALL YOU?
THEY CALL ME JESS.

Ha.
SUCH AN OUTWORLDER NAME.
YOU DON'T BELONG HERE. I'M GOING TO SEND YOU BACK.

LORD KOLIN A **LESSOR** GUILD MEMBER.

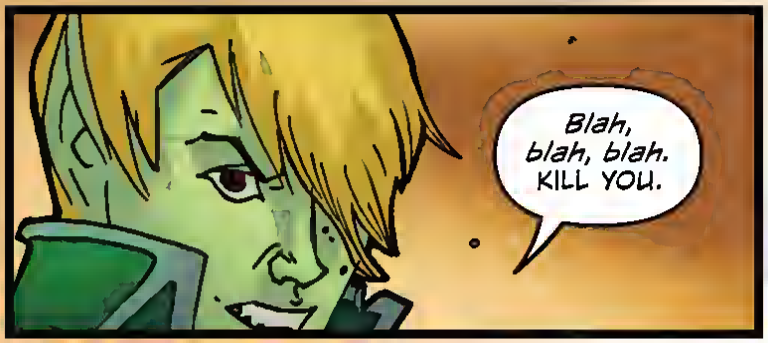
HE **AND** HIS SISTER HAVE BEEN ON OUR TAIL FOR THE **LAST YEAR**.

HE MAY BE A LESSER DRACONUS BUT EVERYONE KNOWS THE **NUMBER ONE RULE** OF MIRROR: **NEVER FIGHT A DRAGON**.



HE'S KNOWN FOR TALKING YOUR EAR OFF. I'M SURE HE IS TALKING SOME SMACK. ALL I CAN HEAR IS HIM SAYING **blah**, **blah**, **blah**.

I **JUST** NEED TO KEEP HIM BUSY WHILE D'CLO **STEALS** THAT SHIP.



ON MIRROR, IT'S BAD FORM TO SHOW YOUR UNEVOLVED "PRIMAL" FORM.

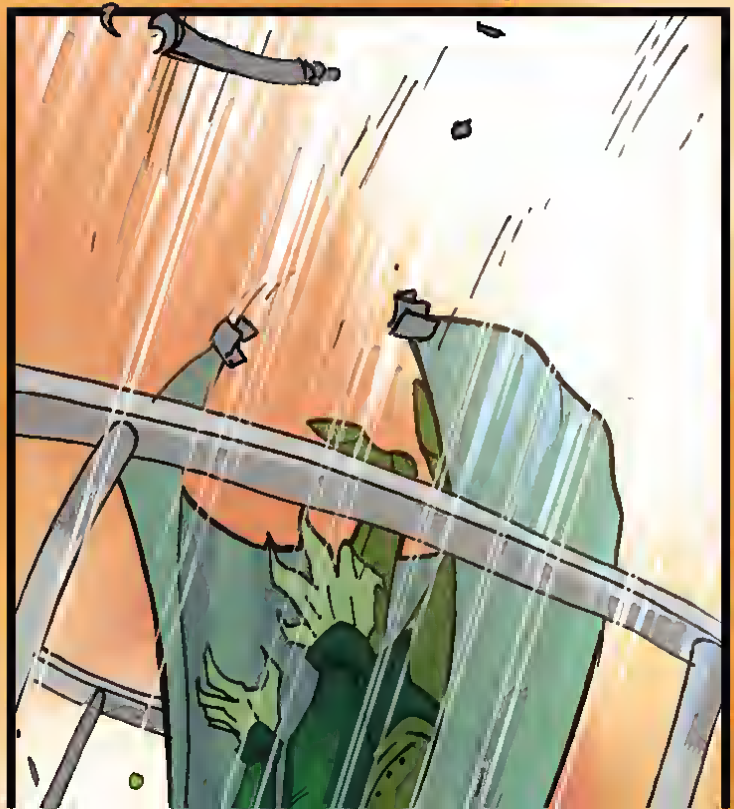
NEEDLESS TO SAY. I DIDN'T EXPECT A MID-TRANSFORMATION PRIMAL ATTACK!

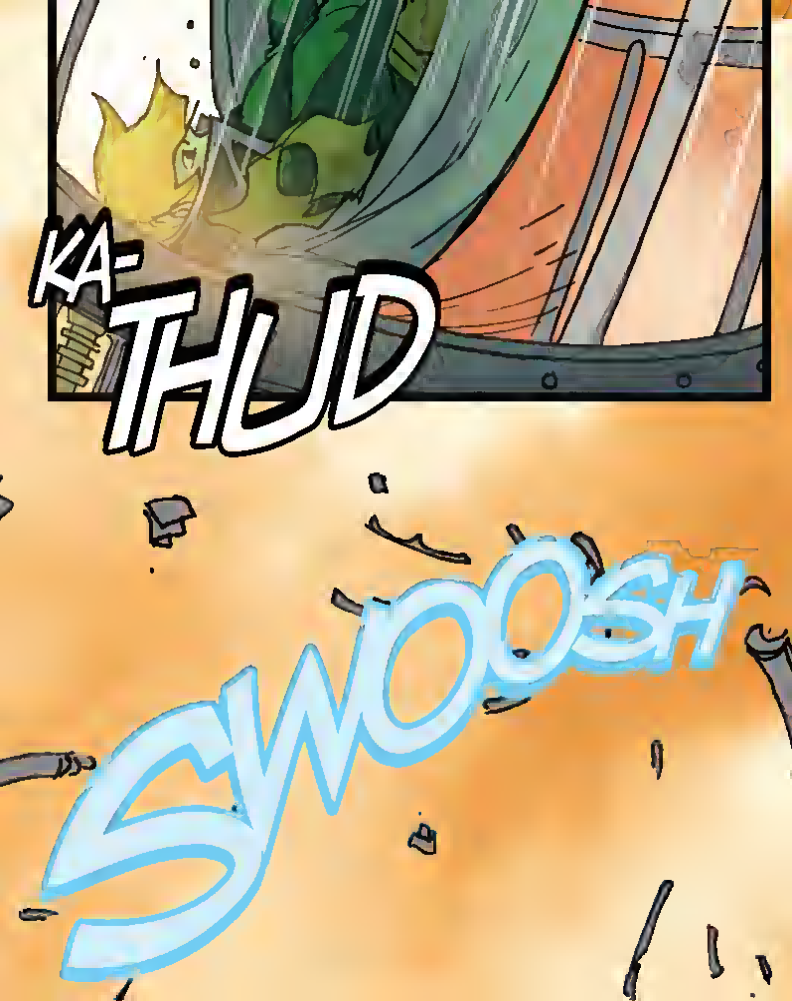
GET READY, D-TOOTH.

DRACONUS BLOOD. LET'S DRINK!

SWOOSH

SMAK

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THUD
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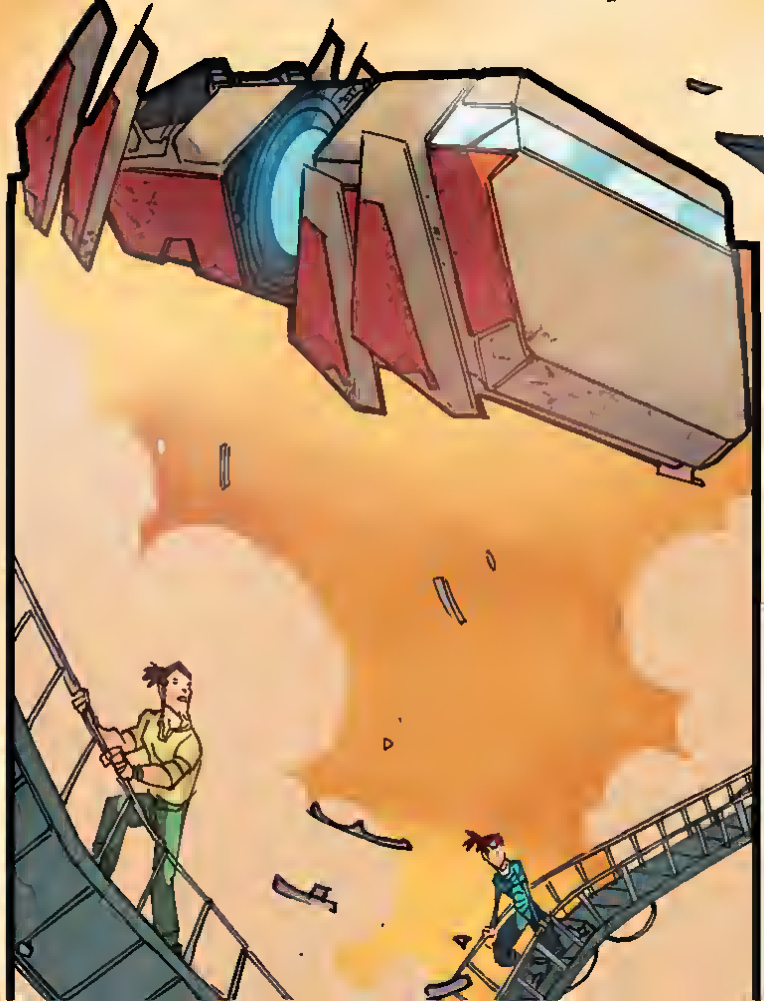


JESS, I'M SWINGING AROUND TO GRAB YOU!

I'M IN!

KREEEK

Uh-oh!

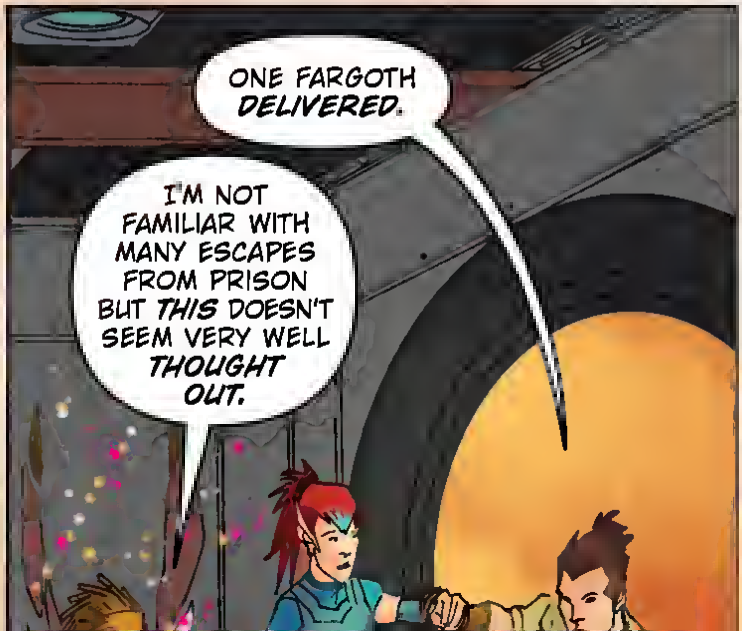
KREEEK

HELP!

YOU ARE MUCH HEAVIER THAN YOU LOOK.

THANKS!

I DON'T KNOW ***HOW LONG*** I CAN CARRY YOU.

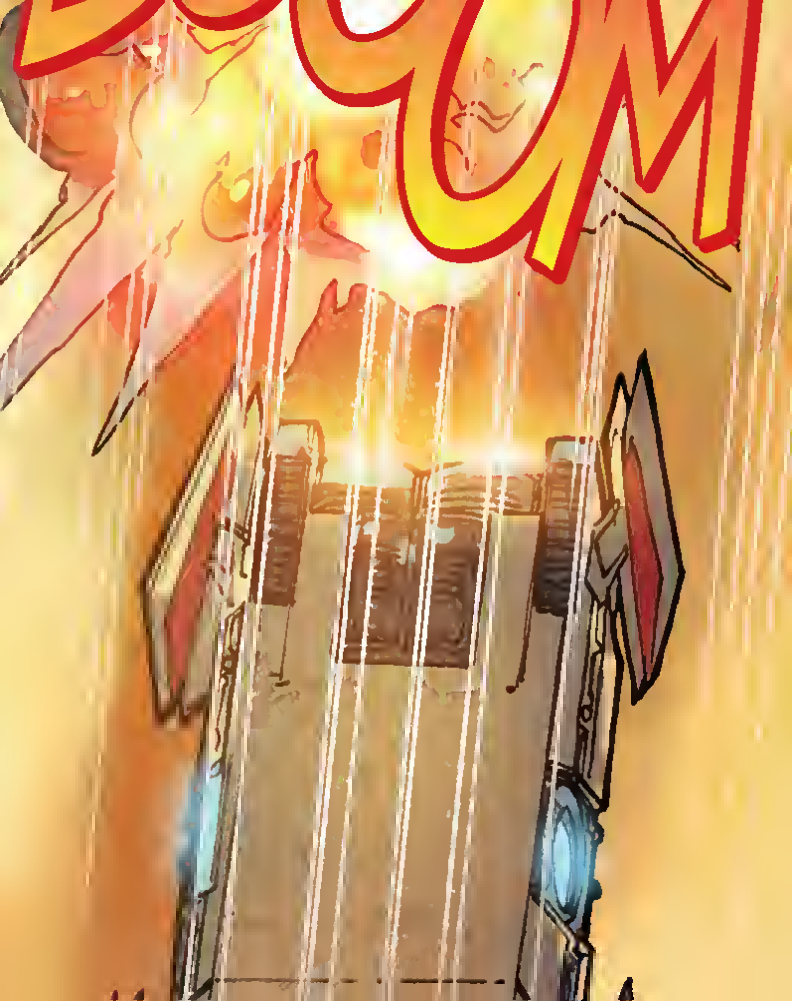


EVERYONE IS A CRITIC.

CHA-BOOOM
WE ARE GETTING SHOT TO PIECES!
GET US OUT OF HERE!
SHE HAS A POINT.

HOLD ON TO SOMETHING!

CHA-
BOOM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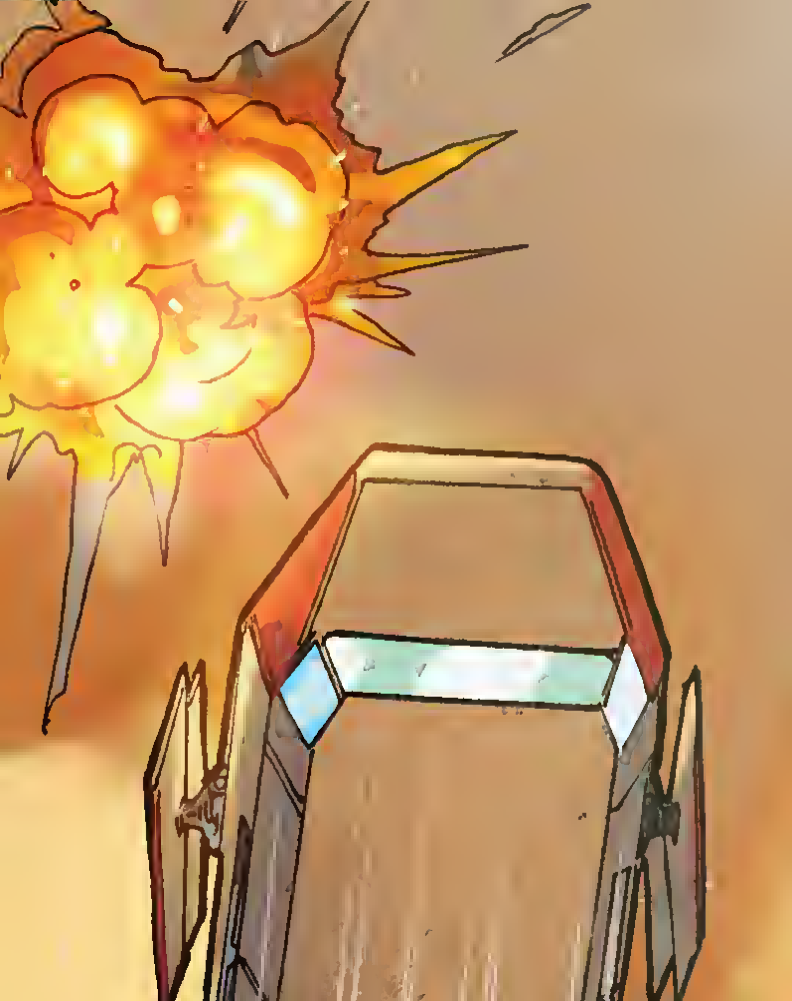
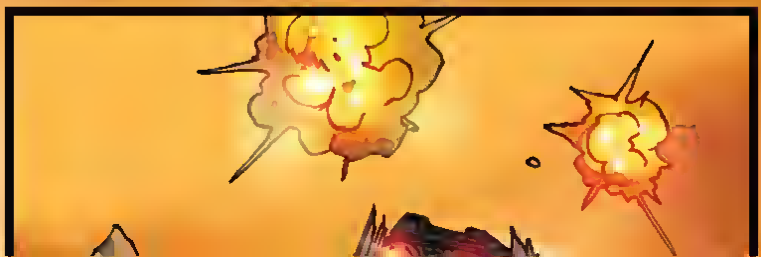


SKREK

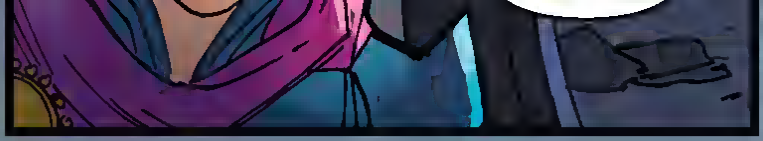


IT IS THE QUEEN. SHE REQUESTS AN *UPDATE* AND *ARRIVAL* TIME OF THE PRISONERS.

THAT WAS ONE OF THE CLOSER CALLS WE'VE HAD.

THEY KEEP GETTING CLOSER AND CLOSER.
THEY'RE GETTING WISE TO US. SOONER OR LATER WE'LL GET CAUGHT OUT THERE.

DON'T BE SUCH A PESSIMIST.



I NEED TO *FIND* MY SISTER AND *GET BACK* TO MY WORLD.

IT DRIVES ME *CRAZY* KNOWING SHE IS OUT THERE.

I'VE BEEN COMMITTED TO YOUR CAUSE FOR ***TWO YEARS***.

IT'S TIME FOR ME ***TO DO*** WHAT I ***CAME*** TO MIRROR TO DO.

MAYBE IT WAS YOUR ***DESTINY*** TO COME ***HERE*** AND JOIN OUR CRUSADE.

IF IT IS MEANT TO BE, YOU ***WILL***

FIND YOUR SISTER.

I'VE TOLD YOU BEFORE, BACK THERE ON YOUR WORLD, THAT VERSION OF YOU IS THE DREAM.

THIS JESS...THE TOUGHEST ELVARIAN I'VE EVER MET, IS THE REAL YOU. YOU SHOULD ACCEPT IT.

I'M NOT SURE WHO THE REAL ME IS ANYMORE BUT I NEED TO FIND MY SISTER.

ONE MORE MISSION AND I'M GOING MY OWN WAY TO FIND HER.
YOU SAID THAT TWO MISSIONS AGO.
THIS TIME I MEAN IT.
THIS SHIP TOOK SOME SERIOUS DAMAGE DURING THE ESCAPE.
LET'S GET IT TO SCA'VE AND SELL IT.

IF YOU WANT TO GO I'LL GIVE YOU THE MONEY TO GET *YOUR OWN* SHIP.

THANK YOU.

YOU CAN'T PUT A PRICE ON FAMILY.
I UNDERSTAND THAT.

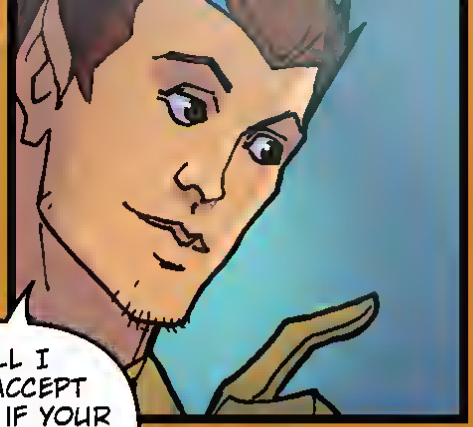
IF YOU THINK FIXING *THIS* IS EASY, MAYBE *YOU* SHOULD DO IT.

I HAVE TO ADMIT JESS, I HAD MY DOUBTS WE WOULD GET OUT OF THERE.

AM I SENSING AN APOLOGY?

WELL YOU CAN GO AHEAD AND APOLOGIZE FOR PUTTING ALL OUR LIVES IN DANGER.

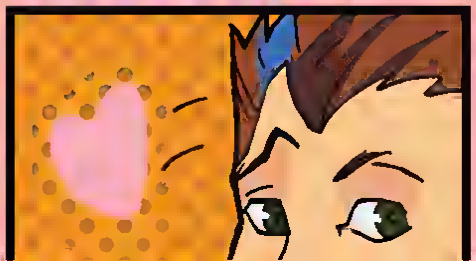
I MEANT *YOU* APOLOGIZING, *NOT* ME JERK!



WELL I WILL ACCEPT A **KISS** IF YOUR EGO CAN'T HANDLE SAYING "I'M SORRY".

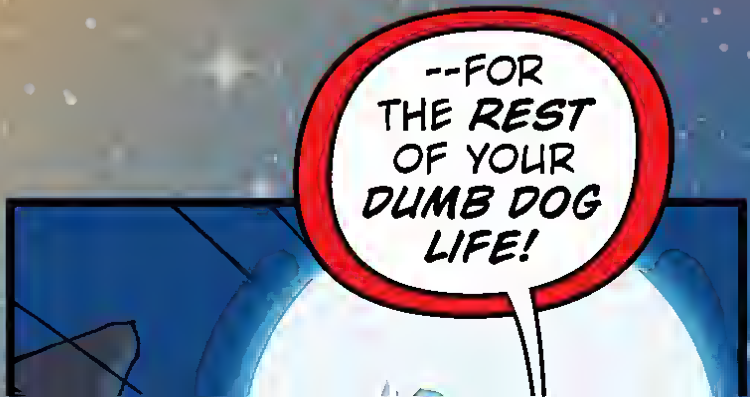
COLT CONNERS YOU ARE **SO** FULL OF YOURSELF.

I WOULDN'T **KISS** YOU IF YOU WERE THE **LAST CREATURE** ON MIRROR.



YOU CAN'T FAULT A GUY FOR TRYING?

IF I HADN'T COME TO SAVE YOU. YOU WOULD HAVE ROTTED IN THAT JAIL--


--FOR THE REST OF YOUR DUMB DOG LIFE!

COMING NEXT WEEK:
AN AUDIENCE WITH THE QUEEN!